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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
 Honorable James "Pate" Philip, Wood Dale, Illinois, presiding.
 Prayer by Pastor Jeff Nelsen, Cherry Hills Baptist Church,
 Springfield, Illinois.
 Senator Radogno led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Myers moved that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 20, 2001 be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

The motion prevailed.

REPORTS RECEIVED

The Secretary placed before the Senate the following reports:

A report on the Flexible Work Plan submitted by the Illinois Lottery pursuant to Public Act 87-552.

A report on the Flexible Work Plan submitted by the Department of Agriculture in accordance with Public Act 87-552.

A report on the Flexible Work Plan submitted by the Department of Military Affairs as required by Public Act 87-552.

The Annual Report for the Year Ending 6-30-00 submitted by the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority.

The 2000 Annual Report submitted by the Illinois Health Facilities Authority.

The foregoing reports were ordered received and placed on file in the Secretary's Office.

EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE

Senator Maitland was excused from attendance due to illness.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the two Houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon, for the purpose of hearing his Excellency Governor George H. Ryan present to the General Assembly his Budget Message for Fiscal Year 2002, as required by Chapter 127, Section 28, of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

Adopted by the House, February 15, 2001.

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ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

By unanimous consent, on motion of Senator Weaver, the foregoing message reporting House Joint Resolution No. 11 was taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Weaver moved that the Senate concur with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed.

And the Senate concurred with the House in the adoption of the resolution.

Ordered that the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

At the hour of 11:50 o'clock a.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand at recess for the purpose of proceeding to the House of Representatives to meet in joint session pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 11.

JOINT SESSION
12:00 O'CLOCK NOON

The hour having arrived, the time heretofore fixed by Joint Resolution adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Session convened for the purpose of receiving the Governor to deliver his Budget Address in person to the Ninety-Second General Assembly.

The Senate, preceded by its President and Secretary, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives and, by direction of the Speaker, took the seats assigned them.

The two Houses being convened in Joint Session, the President of the Senate announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives announced that a quorum of the House was present.

A majority of each House of the General Assembly being present, the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session duly formed.

Representative Currie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon His Excellency Governor George Ryan and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

The motion prevailed.

The President of the Senate announced the appointments, as Members of such Committee, on the part of the Senate: Senators Evelyn Bowles, Judith Myers, William Shaw, Todd Sieben and Dave Sullivan.

The Speaker of the House announced the appointments, as Members of such Committee, on the part of the House: Representatives Judy Erwin, Calvin Giles, Gwenn Klingler, Rich Myers and Ricca Slone.

His Excellency, Governor George H. Ryan, was admitted into the

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Hall of the House of Representatives, and was presented to the General Assembly, to deliver his message in person as follows:

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FISCAL YEAR 2002
BUDGET ADDRESS
GOVERNOR GEORGE H. RYAN
Wednesday, February 21, 2001

Speaker Madigan;
President Philip;
Leader Daniels;
Leader Jones;
My fellow Constitutional Officers;
My friends and colleagues in the General Assembly;
Members of the Cabinet and our guests in the gallery;
And my fellow citizens of Illinois:

Last month, I took about an hour of your time to describe for you a "New Illinois" that is strong and prosperous.

It is a "New Illinois" that we have created together.

By working hard, uniting our talents and keeping the interests of the people as our top priority - we have done much to retool and reform education, economic development, transportation, health care, job training, public safety and environmental protection.

Over the last two years, we have cut across partisan lines to fashion policies and programs that address the needs and concerns of working families in every part of this state.

It was a long speech - but that's because our list of accomplishments is long.

This year, we must rededicate ourselves to bipartisan cooperation and a government that places people before politics.

Our list of accomplishments - on behalf of the people -- is going to get longer.

Today I present to you a \$49.97 billion state budget for fiscal year 2002 that will continue to improve our schools, create jobs and opportunity, fix our roads, get our children the health care services they need, clean our air and water and help keep our neighborhoods safe.

This budget is balanced and requires no tax increase.

It fulfills our commitment to dedicate at least 51 percent of all new state revenues to education and job training.

It strengthens our human infrastructure.

It maintains our programs to expand and improve our physical infrastructure.

And it allows us to continue the tax relief programs for families that we started last year.

This is a balanced and prudent budget that allows us to pay all of the state's bills and put some money away for a rainy day.

The total FY 2002 budget, including both state and federal funds, is 3.2 percent larger than the current year's budget.

The increases in state spending are absolutely unavoidable.

Education, our top priority, is getting an increase of \$460 million-or 5.4 percent.

Human services and child support coordination is getting \$110 million in new money.

Corrections is receiving \$104 million in new money.

Our annual payment to secure health insurance for state employees requires \$37 million in new money.

That restricts growth in all other state agencies to four-tenths

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of one percent. Agencies under my control will see their allocation from state resources drop by a combined total of \$13 million.

As I said in January, we will have to make some tough decisions this spring.

But this budget allows us to continue making the right decisions for Illinois and its people.

According to all predictions, we will see the national economy and the Illinois economy grow at a slower rate during the coming year.

On the whole, our state is still strong and prosperous.

About 95 percent of our workforce is employed and earning a living.

We still expect state revenues to increase by a healthy \$900 million.

Home sales and new constructions continue to be strong.

And in January, consumer spending grew faster than anticipated - especially in home furnishings, building supplies, new cars and trucks.

We are not in a recession - and we don't expect to be in one this year.

Our economy remains healthy, although it is expanding at a slower rate than we're used to.

Therefore we must adjust our thinking and spending habits to meet the new realities of this year.

During the last two years, we made decisions based on a strong economy and growing prosperity.

Past state budgets have been grounded in economic realities, but dedicated to the needs of the future and our desires for tomorrow.

From that position of strength and prosperity, we made the right decision to boost funding for job training and education -- so we could give young people and adults the skills they need to meet the demands of the new economy.

From a position of strength, we made the right decision to create Illinois FIRST -- a program that is revitalizing our infrastructure and creating more than 50,000 jobs a year.

From a position of strength, we created Illinois VentureTECH to help us expand our growing high-tech economy.

And from a position of strength, we increased funding for health care and other social services needed by children, the working poor, and the elderly by \$1.5 billion.

We committed significant new resources to quality and affordable childcare -- an important key to helping families move from welfare to work.

These resources helped provide care for 64,000 more children.

We expanded KidCare, providing health care for some 100,000 more uninsured young people.

We expanded the network of Child Advocacy Centers to help protect an additional 2,100 abused or neglected kids who had nowhere else to turn.

By boosting funds for adoptions by 97 percent, we enabled Illinois to successfully move 11,600 children from the foster care system into loving, permanent homes.

In the last year alone, we increased our commitment for medical services to 97,000 of the state's most needy citizens by \$300 million.

We doubled funding for women's health programs and we increased funding for domestic violence programs by two-thirds so we could help 30,000 additional victims with prevention and intervention services.

We did all of this - together - and it was the right thing to do.

We've invested in our children.

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We've invested in training our workforce.

We've invested in our communities.

We've given back more than \$1 billion to our taxpayers.

Yes, \$1 billion in tax relief.

We've set aside \$225 million in a rainy day fund.

And we've maintained a \$1.2 billion year end budget balance.

I believe we've managed the people's money very well, and very responsibly.

This year, we will need to make some tough decisions.

In order to stay on the course we have established over the last two years, we will have to carefully watch our spending.

Last year, Illinois - and virtually every other state - saw sharp increases in Medicaid costs.

We responded in December by imposing \$256 million in cost reductions aimed at the specific cause of the budget problem.

Unlike other states, we did not have to look outside of the Medicaid system -- to education or other social services -- for additional cuts to restore some sense to Medicaid.

Illinois, like many other states, will continue to closely watch Medicaid costs with great concern.

And unless we can secure more federal funds for Medicaid, we will need to impose an additional \$270 million in cuts.

I am confident that we will not have to impose any cuts in education, corrections, or social services.

Still, we will have to continue to reform government and streamline operations.

And we will have to find new ways to keep costs manageable.

We've been realistic -- and conservative - in our budget assumptions.

With this budget we are still able to move forward with our plans for a "New Illinois."

For the third year in a row, I am recommending that 51 percent of all new state revenues be dedicated to education and workforce training.

We owe it to the children of this state to maintain that commitment - and we will.

With this \$460 million funding increase, we will have raised state support for our schools in the last three years by \$1.4 billion - the largest sustained increase in Illinois history.

A majority of the new dollars earmarked for elementary and secondary education will go directly to local school districts to improve instruction and services in our classrooms.

There are resources for a substantial increase in general state aid to raise the per-pupil foundation level beyond the current \$4,425.

I support the recommendations of a state advisory board chaired by former State School Superintendent Bob Leininger that calls for a \$135 per student increase in the foundation level this year.

The elementary and secondary budget also includes - for an unprecedented third straight year -- full funding of all categorical programs, as well as student breakfasts and lunches.

We will continue to support classroom technology improvements, early childhood education, intensified reading courses, summer bridge programs, alternative programs for troubled students and "Project Impact," an initiative that helps students in primarily Hispanic neighborhoods improve daily attendance and their grades.

As I told you last month, I want us to begin working with local school districts, parents' organizations and groups like the Illinois Business Education Coalition to start developing annual student testing as a means of ensuring greater accountability.

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Parents should know the progress their children are making in every school, every year.

And while we continue to help local school districts meet the needs of students and their parents, we must not ignore improvements that we can make in state government.

There are changes being proposed by the State Board of Education that will modernize the agency, improve efficiency and strengthen its effectiveness.

I applaud State Board Chairman Ron Gidwitz and State School Superintendent Max McGee for developing a good reform plan that builds on the agency's strengths and puts it more in touch with students, parents, teachers and school officials in each and every community.

Superintendent McGee has worked closely with my Office of Performance Review, to develop a workable plan to retool the State Board.

By the end of next year, the State Board will transfer some programs to other state agencies where the overall coordination is more appropriate - and they will streamline the board's operations.

For example, the licensing of private business and vocational schools can be moved to the Department of Professional Regulation.

Several child nutrition specialists can be transferred to the Department of Public Health.

Oversight of the Illinois Century Network can be switched to the Board of Higher Education. Some staff responsible for post-high school student programs can be transferred to the Community College Board.

And they can outsource some audits now done by the board to private firms.

In addition, they will consolidate some remaining operations, rely more on technology to reduce paperwork, and streamline the management structure.

Altogether, this initiative will affect 120 positions at the State Board of Education, either through transfers within state government, annual attrition or downsizing.

I am confident that we can achieve even more efficiencies next year.

Lastly, I will create a task force that will take a good look at rewriting the state's school code.

Right now, the school code occupies 600 pages of our statutes.

Many times, these 600 pages mire districts in red tape and confound them with unnecessary procedures.

This new group will focus on writing laws and regulations that will help create 21st Century schools for the next generation of Illinois leaders.

I want the school code to concentrate more on the results we demand in our classrooms than on the processes that envelop our schools in red tape.

Our goal should be to encourage -- not to impede.

Our commitment to higher education in this budget is another record -- \$3.4 billion this year for state universities, community colleges and private institutions.

We will maintain and expand support for classroom instruction and important research, as well as initiatives to keep the best and the brightest of our college faculty here in Illinois.

We will continue to expand our scholarship programs for Illinois students.

We will earmark another \$64 million for the Illinois Century Network so we can use technology to link every school, every college and university, every library and every museum in this state.

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And I hope that by the end of this calendar year, every school in this state - every school - will be connected to the Century Network so that every child has an opportunity to use the latest in technology to improve their grades.

This budget continues our efforts to build and rehabilitate the infrastructure on our college campuses so that we can meet annual enrollment increases.

Over the past two years, thanks to the combined efforts of our regular capital program, Illinois FIRST and VentureTECH, we have funded more than \$642 million in capital improvements at our colleges and universities.

With this budget, I propose we double our capital investment in higher education.

The largest single component of this new investment will be \$250 million for a new, two-year construction program designed specifically to enhance our 48 community colleges.

Increasingly, these campuses are the centers of community life as well as a place where students of all ages can improve their talents and skills so they can get and keep good jobs.

This new program, combined with local resources, will enable these campuses to replace aging "temporary" buildings with modern facilities that meet the need of all students who are working to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Expanding opportunity for our workforce is a necessity that we must focus on in the state's budget.

I promised last month, we will not forget those who have recently lost their jobs in Illinois as the economy slows and we will do all that we can to help people who have been laid off to find a new job.

Our track record shows that we can put people to work and help people get better jobs.

Over the last two years, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs' market development division has helped firms create more than 60,000 jobs.

The Industrial Training Program has helped more than 149,000 workers upgrade their skills and get better jobs.

And our support of exports has created more than 3,000 new jobs since 1999.

In this budget, we will earmark a total of \$1.3 billion for economic development activities, job training, business expansion, help for small firms and exports.

This budget focuses on one of our strengths as a state - the convergence of new technologies with older business needs.

Here in Illinois we successfully mix the manufacturing and service sectors together with high-tech ways of doing business.

We'll boost funding to help emerging small businesses capture private loans, provide increased support for marketing new high-tech products, increase funding to develop the environmentally-friendly use of Illinois coal and expand promotional resources to increase regional, national and international tourism.

We will work with business and organized labor to ensure that our unemployment insurance system, our tax structure and our workers' compensation system are fair to all parties and appropriate for the times.

To capitalize on Illinois' ranking as the fourth largest high-tech economy, this budget builds on the first successful year of the VentureTECH program, dedicating almost \$400 million to upgrade our scientific infrastructure, research and education in medicine, biotechnology, physics and information technology.

VentureTECH includes \$18 million to help promote new businesses and products that are derived from in-state research as well as

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on-going support for the state's medical schools so they can capture waiting federal funds that will improve academic medicine.

In many cases, our medical schools are the first line of defense for low-income families with health problems.

Because of our assistance, we are strengthening that safety net.

This budget maintains full funding for the third year of the Illinois FIRST program.

Later this spring, I will announce a road construction program that will spread out \$2.3 billion in funding across the state that will widen highways, repair bridges, relieve congested suburban streets, build new roads for economic development and put tens of thousands of people to work.

One of our top highway priorities will be to continue the effort to untangle the "Hillside Strangler."

The mass transit program funded by Illinois FIRST in the coming year earmarks \$96 million for new buses and trains, the repair of aging tracks and platforms, as well as the on-going subsidy of fares for seniors and students who live in the Chicago area.

Other building projects that we will undertake this year have been in the planning and development stages for some time.

These projects include \$500 million in new funding for construction projects at elementary and high schools.

At last count, this will mean at least 50 new schools in Illinois and many more classroom additions.

It means \$151 million for assorted rehabilitation and expansion projects at mental health centers, prisons, state parks, historic sites, office buildings and other state-owned sites throughout Illinois.

There's \$9 million to create a comprehensive juvenile diabetes care center at the University of Chicago.

There's \$40 million for the new fine arts center at Eastern Illinois University, \$32 million for the Siebel Computer Science Building at the University of Illinois, \$16 million for the library at Chicago State University, funds for a new engineering building and ethanol research center at Southern Illinois University and \$30 million for a new classroom and office at the U of I's Springfield campus.

This budget also includes \$47 million for a new State Police headquarters north of the Capitol.

And while we tackle these big-ticket items, we must not forget the little needs that can improve a community's quality of life.

We are working to put an end to predatory lending that threatens many neighborhoods.

But we still must find a way to meet the needs of taxpayers who want to improve neighborhoods but can't qualify for traditional loans.

We should look to states like Pennsylvania and organizations like the non-profit "Illinois Facilities Fund" here in our state as models.

We should investigate new ways of providing loans to not-for-profits that assist in delivering services for people with addictions, mental health problems, developmental disabilities or child care needs.

And we will take the first concrete steps toward increasing the capacity of our air transportation system in Northeastern Illinois.

I am directing Secretary Brown to begin buying land in Will County that lies within the proposed construction footprint of the Peotone airport project.

If this state is to remain economically competitive, we must increase our air transportation capacity and we must do so now.

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O'Hare and Midway are at their operational capacity.

The flight delays we experienced last summer will only get worse.

We must act now.

We must build this airport.

Nothing says more about our commitment to families and our neighbors than the resources that we dedicate annually to our human infrastructure -- the minds, bodies and well-being of men, women and children throughout Illinois; and especially those who need our help the most.

In this budget, services to strengthen our human infrastructure receive the lion's share of all appropriations - 31 percent - and the second largest amount of new state resources.

In all cases, our extensive menu of social services strives to achieve three main goals - prevention, protection and independence.

Every day, across Illinois, thousands of brave and caring people help prevent risky behavior and restore a decent quality of life to many, many households.

They also work hard to protect people from disease, malnutrition, substance abuse and living conditions that are not safe.

And at the same time, they help thousands of people cope with a disability, poor job skills, medical conditions, drug or alcohol problems and other circumstances that prevent them from reaching their full potential.

This budget does not waver from those three main goals.

However, across the nation, costs for social service programs are rising faster than most states can afford.

We are not immune to this in Illinois.

All of us would like to spend more on our human infrastructure.

But with a slowing economy, it is necessary this year that we strike a balance between achieving our social service goals and keeping the price tag under control.

I believe this budget strikes that balance for Fiscal Year 2002.

The Department of Public Aid is allocated \$7.4 billion in state and federal funds to ensure that our most needy citizens are not left behind.

Within the public aid budget we see the greatest need to strike an acceptable balance between services and cost.

During the past two years, we have opened the door to health care for more people who otherwise would be left unprotected.

Today we provide wide access to quality services.

For instance, KidCare enrollments continue to climb, and this is good news.

Through last month, 143,000 young people and pregnant women had been enrolled in the program and are receiving necessary health care.

But along with increased Medicaid enrollments comes the double-edged sword of promising advances in medicine, new drugs and modern treatments.

These advances do save lives, but they also mean higher costs for Medicaid - a strain that threatens the availability of all services unless they are brought under control.

Over the last two years, our Medicaid liability increased by more than \$1 billion. We can't afford that kind of continuing expansion without suffocating the entire program.

Late last year, we made necessary changes to the Medicaid system to address this problem.

These changes did not affect the overall quality or accessibility of medical services, but the changes helped us keep the Medicaid program intact for thousands of people without any health care.

In concert with those necessary changes, I have asked that we

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seek a substantial supplemental appropriation to the 2001 budget -- \$200 million - to keep Medicaid on track for the rest of the fiscal year.

I will continue to work with you, medical and health care providers as well as other stakeholders to ensure that we do not upend the strong health care safety net we have in place.

We will also continue to improve the administration of one of our most important services - making sure that child support checks make it into the hands of custodial parents on time.

Because the federal government decided we had to fix a system that didn't need fixing, the state remains in charge of disbursing child support checks to vulnerable families in all 102 counties.

In the fall of 1999, some of those families, through no fault of theirs, were pushed to the brink when our new disbursement system nearly collapsed.

Those payment delays led to other financial hardships.

Because these hardships came only a few weeks from Thanksgiving and Christmas, I made the decision to use state funds and to issue emergency checks to families in need.

We sent out nearly 33,000 emergency checks averaging about \$280 each.

It was the right thing to do.

The disbursement system is now working reasonably well and we will continue to fine-tune it in order to reach maximum efficiency. In the meantime, some have suggested that we should recoup the emergency money we issued in 1999.

That would not be right.

With compassion and understanding, this state should not attempt to recoup those emergency payments.

The circumstances behind those 33,000 emergency checks led to numerous hardships for innocent families - we should not create any more.

This budget allocates \$4.9 billion to the Department of Human Services - and the majority will be used to help families move from welfare to work and to ensure that services are in place to help families cope with a changing lifestyle that is no longer dependent on public assistance.

There will be more money to support childcare for 3,000 additional youngsters and their parents, as well as an increase in the "Great Start" program that helps improve the skills of day care workers.

There is more money for the Illinois Workforce Advantage, our comprehensive partnership with the people in distressed communities, which tailors necessary programs for specific needs.

There is more money for Teen REACH after-school programs.

There is more than \$30 million to help us begin to make any changes needed to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, which protects the rights of persons with disabilities.

And there is more money for the hard-working individuals who provide daily direct care services to the developmentally disabled.

I have asked the General Assembly to approve a supplemental to the current state budget, that, combined with money in the 2002 budget, will enable us to raise the hourly wage of these workers by \$1, beginning on March 1.

We also will devote \$6 million to bolster mental health services for teens, programs that include suicide prevention, depression and other services that go beyond what most local school districts can provide.

And with those programs we will dedicate funds toward intervention services for young people to keep them out of juvenile

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detention facilities.

These are kids who can turn their lives around with the right kind of counseling and support.

We will begin to make these intervention services more available to the juvenile justice system, probation officers and police at the local level.

Some counties offer these services, but many do not.

We must begin to correct this imbalance.

The goal is to give troubled teens every opportunity to change the direction of their lives before detention and more severe punishment is necessary.

As you know, the Department of Children and Family Services is a national leader in safeguarding children and helping families stay together.

This budget includes an increase of \$35 million for the coordination of adoption and guardianship services to help the agency move even more children into permanent homes.

Because of the hard work of dedicated DCFS employees and a new commitment to finding permanent solutions for young people with troubled backgrounds, we expect the foster care caseload to drop again this coming year by about 10 percent.

We will spend more for the Department on Aging's Community Care Program, funds that will enable almost 41,000 seniors to remain in their homes.

In addition, we will continue our strong commitment to LIHEAP -- the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program to help hundreds of thousands of Illinois households meet the rising costs of keeping warm in the winter.

Among the states, Illinois leads the nation in the amount of money we dedicate to this program.

I've asked you this spring to approve an \$80 million supplemental appropriation to the 2001 budget so we can access the state and federal funds that are available for the LIHEAP program.

This budget continues the great strides we have made over the last two years to protect our environment and natural resources while we enhance our vital agricultural economy and help rural Illinois.

The budget includes the third \$40 million installment of our Illinois Open Lands Trust, a four-year program that already has placed tens-of-thousands of acres in public hands.

The Open Lands Trust supplements the \$12 million allocation in the budget for the on-going Conservation 2000 program, which helps local communities preserve wildlife habitats.

The budget includes a \$10 million installment for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, a federal and state initiative to reduce the erosion caused by our rivers.

And there is \$5.4 million for Illinois Rivers 2020, an important program being led by Lt. Governor Corinne Wood.

That \$5 million will allow us to leverage \$50 million in federal funds.

The budget also includes \$2.5 million to support the "Illinois Tomorrow" program, which helps cities and villages plan their future growth wisely. We provide the resources for the Department of Agriculture to launch a far-reaching enhancement of our agricultural economy - the new Illinois AgriFIRST program.

Agriculture amounts to as much as 20 percent of Illinois' gross domestic product.

The centerpiece of AgriFIRST is \$3 million for grants to enhance and develop products that expand the value of our state's raw crops.

We also must continue to strengthen and encourage the use of

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ethanol and other alternative fuels.

Illinois is the nation's leader in ethanol production - more than 600 million gallons in a year.

This budget includes \$2 million for a new alternative fuel incentive program to spread the use of ethanol as a renewable source of energy that does not harm the environment.

We must not backtrack on our commitment to environmental protection.

We must encourage and help communities implement energy efficiency programs, waste reduction and other "green" initiatives.

To help, the budget includes \$2 million for the "Green Illinois" program, which provides incentives to communities big and small.

This budget will do more this year to make sure that all Illinois residents share clean air, clean lands and clean water.

I am proposing that we create a \$150 million expansion for our existing revolving loan programs that will help more towns and villages fix up aging water systems.

There are many, many communities in Illinois that are required to comply with clean water standards.

Yet, they do not have the financial wherewithal to make the necessary upgrades.

This year, we will take the state and federal resources dedicated to our loan programs and leverage these resources for both wastewater and drinking water upgrades.

In addition, there are many communities that do not have sewers at all.

This budget will include funding to help meet the needs of communities without sewers or water systems.

The last critical concern addressed by this budget is public safety.

As crime rates continue to slide downward, we should not, and cannot, suspend our investments in the Department of Corrections, the State Police or other agencies and programs vital to keeping our communities safe.

Nationally, the prison population of the states continues to climb while crime rates drop.

Locking up criminals and helping them mend their ways before they return to society is making a dent in the corruption of our schoolyards and neighborhoods by criminal elements.

This new measure of safety, however, does not come without a sizeable cost.

I wish we could devote more of these resources to the construction of classrooms and clinics rather than to jails and juvenile detention centers.

The Department of Corrections budget includes \$104 million in new funding, primarily to open and staff new prisons that we need to keep pace with an inmate population that exceeds 46,000 adults and juveniles.

During the current year we will open two new facilities with more than 2,600 beds.

In addition, this budget provides sufficient funding for 3,600 additional beds, which includes a new maximum-security facility in Thomson -- the first new maximum-security prison we've built in more than 50 years.

The budget also finishes a job we started two years ago to double the number of parole agents monitoring prisoners released back into society.

The State Police budget of \$385 million includes two new cadet classes that will increase the number of officers on patrol by 100 men and women.

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Since January of 1999, we have funded the hiring and training of some 350 new troopers to keep our highways and communities safer.

The budget also includes funds to replace another 275 unsafe, high-mileage patrol cars, as well as new money to beef up and improve the agency's important forensic science capabilities.

The state budget for fiscal year 2002 fulfills the promises we have made to the people of Illinois.

But if we are going to continue to meet the needs of our citizens efficiently and effectively, we must improve the amount of money that we receive from the federal government.

Right now, we pay 5 percent of the total federal taxes collected, but we get back only 4 percent of the spending.

We continue to rank 46th among the states in federal dollars returned to our taxpayers.

We are working to improve that rate of return.

Last year we realized some moderate successes.

Federal spending to Illinois increased by more than \$1 billion to almost \$56 billion - in part because we made a decision to invest more state dollars to capture federal matching funds.

We received needed resources for Illinois Rivers 2020, the Stevenson Expressway, Wacker Drive, the RTA and the MetroLink system.

We captured more federal dollars for child care services, to reduce school class sizes, to expand low-income heating assistance, to support an ethanol research facility in Southern Illinois, to rehabilitate Chicago's Lake Michigan shoreline.

The time is right for Illinois to capitalize on other federal funds that are waiting to be distributed.

The speaker of the House of Representatives is a native son of Illinois.

Speaker Hastert has been very helpful, along with Senator Dick Durbin, to unite our congressional delegation to make sure that everyone from Illinois is pulling in the same direction for the state.

Mayor Daley and I have presented a united front in Washington to secure the help of

Republicans and Democrats alike for needed funding and this strategy has worked.

This year we will again seek our fair share from the federal government.

In particular, we will work hard to seek an increase in federal formulas that determine how much Illinois is entitled to for numerous social services and education programs.

Positive changes in these formulas could go a long way to enhance and stabilize our funding commitment for important programs that serve the families of Illinois.

I cannot emphasize this point enough.

Let me give you an example.

Illinois is home to 4.5 percent of the nation's Medicaid population.

Yet under the federal reimbursement formula, we only receive 3.5 percent of federal Medicaid funds.

That one percentage point difference represents a loss to Illinois of approximately \$1 billion every year.

Our Medicaid recipients still receive all the benefits to which they are entitled, but Illinois taxpayers must pay a greater share of the cost of Medicaid than do taxpayers in our neighboring states.

That just isn't fair.

The federal reimbursement rate for Illinois is 50 percent.

Wisconsin is at 59 percent.

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Indiana, Missouri and Iowa all are reimbursed at more than 60 percent.

And Kentucky is at 71 percent.

That imbalance means you and I have to allocate more of our state dollars to support Medicaid and allocate less to other worthy programs.

But again, a slowing economy heralds new challenges that demand our vigilance and attention.

The president and Congress are moving forward with plans to cut the tax burden on families.

This is welcome news for families who deserve to keep more of what they earn and for an economy in need of stimulation.

What we must watch, however, is how any tax cut affects the amount of federal money that Congress disperses annually to the states - including Illinois.

We must be cautious.

Together, Republicans and Democrats at the state and federal levels have worked well together to win back more from the federal government.

What we receive now is not enough.

We must stay on course.

The unity we have worked hard to develop in Washington within our delegation is making other states sit up and take notice.

They are becoming increasingly mindful of what Illinois can accomplish - because we accomplish it together.

And we must stand together to build our "New Illinois."

Together, with this budget document as a guide, we can make the right choices for Illinois.

We will have to make some tough choices, too.

But together, we are strong enough to weather any tough choices that the future brings.

And together, we will ensure that our state government does the most good for the greatest number possible.

We are a strong state and this budget for 2002 will make us stronger.

Let's get to work and move forward together for our "New Illinois."

Thank you very much and may God bless all of you, and may God bless the State of Illinois.

Having concluded his message, his Excellency Governor George H. Ryan was then escorted from the Hall of the House of Representatives by the Committee heretofore appointed.

At the hour of 12:58 o'clock p.m., Senator Philip moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.

The motion prevailed.

AFTER RECESS

At the hour of 2:05 o'clock p.m., the Senate resumed consideration of business.

Senator Geo-Karis, presiding.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator Sieben, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation to which was referred Senate Bill No. 12 reported the

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same back with amendments having been adopted thereto, with the recommendation that the bill, as amended, do pass.

Under the rules, the bill was ordered to a second reading.

Senator Hawkinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary to which was referred Senate Bills numbered 37, 50, 64 and 65 reported the same back with the recommendation that the bills do pass.

Under the rules, the bills were ordered to a second reading.

REPORT FROM RULES COMMITTEE

Senator Weaver, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, during its February 21, 2001 meeting, reported the following Senate Bills have been assigned to the indicated Standing Committees of the Senate:

Agriculture and Conservation: Senate Bills numbered 184, 213 and 215.

Appropriations: Senate Bills numbered 111, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246 and 247.

Commerce and Industry: Senate Bills numbered 252, 281 and 322.

Education: Senate Bills numbered 107, 108, 109, 110, 116, 128, 136, 170, 180, 192, 204, 205, 211, 218, 219, 220, 248, 261, 264, 280, 284, 287, 288, 292, 317, 325, 326, 329, 330, 331, 361, 362, 363, 369, 376, 377 and 384.

Environment and Energy: Senate Bills numbered 134, 150, 153, 158, 313, 356, 364 and 372.

Executive: Senate Bills numbered 118, 127, 135, 174, 188, 193, 222, 224, 225, 257, 266, 269, 271, 272, 320, 357 and 375.

Financial Institutions: Senate Bills numbered 119, 120, 121, 122, 186 and 368.

Insurance and Pensions: Senate Bills numbered 130, 131, 132, 137, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 171, 181, 182, 183, 185, 190, 191, 197, 214, 217, 254, 255, 268, 277, 278, 279, 301, 314, 319, 328, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 378, 379, 380 and 383.

Judiciary: Senate Bills numbered 112, 117, 133, 138, 139, 156, 157, 172, 175, 178, 179, 187, 194, 195, 202, 210, 216, 233, 249, 250, 251, 256, 259, 265, 270, 283, 304, 310, 312, 321 and 386.

Licensed Activities: Senate Bills numbered 129, 263, 285, 289, 315 and 318.

Local Government: Senate Bills numbered 169, 189, 228, 253, 260, 293, 302, 316, 323, 327, 353, 355, 358, 359, 360 and 385.

Public Health and Welfare: Senate Bills numbered 114, 123, 124, 125, 126, 147, 149, 151, 154, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168, 198, 199, 200, 201, 203, 227, 258, 282, 286, 300, 366, 370, 371, 373, 374, 381 and 382.

Revenue: Senate Bills numbered 146, 148, 164, 173, 176, 196, 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 229, 230, 231, 232, 262, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 305, 354 and 367.

State Government Operations: Senate Bills numbered 177 and 226.

Transportation: Senate Bills numbered 113, 115, 152, 167, 221, 223, 267, 273, 274, 275, 276, 290, 291, 303, 306, 307, 308, 309, 311, 324 and 365.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 518. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT concerning lead poisoning.

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The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 519. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT concerning higher education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 520. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT to amend the School Code.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 521. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 522. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT concerning family law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 523. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of fireworks.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 524. Introduced by Senator Welch, a bill for AN ACT concerning low-income energy assistance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 525. Introduced by Senator DeLeo, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 526. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 527. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 528. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 529. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT in relation to athletic trainers.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 530. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning emergency telephone systems.

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The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 531. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT in relation to transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 532. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT in relation to civil liabilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 533. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT in relation to interest.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 534. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning hearing instruments.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 535. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT in relation to tobacco.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 536. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT in relation to tobacco.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 537. Introduced by Senator Lightford, a bill for AN ACT in relation to parenting.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 538. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 539. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT regarding taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 540. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 541. Introduced by Senator W. Jones, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 542. Introduced by Senator Smith, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

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The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 543. Introduced by Senator Ronen, a bill for AN ACT concerning psychologists.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 544. Introduced by Senator Ronen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 545. Introduced by Senator Ronen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 546. Introduced by Senator Shadid, a bill for AN ACT concerning vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 547. Introduced by Senator O'Daniel, a bill for AN ACT concerning vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 548. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT in relation to civil procedure.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 549. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT in relation to the Uniform Commercial Code.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 550. Introduced by Senators Philip - Klemm, a bill for AN ACT in relation to property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 551. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT in relation to health.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 552. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT in relation to health.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 553. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT in relation to judges of election.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 554. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT in relation to health.

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The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 555. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT in relation to employment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 556. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 557. Introduced by Senator Silverstein, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 558. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT concerning public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 559. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 560. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to sports facilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 561. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning administrative hearings.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 562. Introduced by Senators Dillard - Roskam - O'Malley - Burzynski - Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning abortions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 563. Introduced by Senator L. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 564. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 565. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 566. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill

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for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 567. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT respecting schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 568. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT in relation to health.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 569. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT in relation to human rights.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 570. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT relating to education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 571. Introduced by Senator Watson, a bill for AN ACT concerning factory-built housing.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 572. Introduced by Senator Watson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 573. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 574. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 575. Introduced by Senator Welch, a bill for AN ACT concerning business transactions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 576. Introduced by Senator Shaw, a bill for AN ACT in relation to assistance for low-income persons.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 577. Introduced by Senator Shaw, a bill for AN ACT concerning public utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 578. Introduced by Senators Obama - Shaw, a bill

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for AN ACT concerning public utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 579. Introduced by Senator Welch, a bill for AN ACT concerning public utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 580. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT in relation to assistance for low-income persons.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 581. Introduced by Senators Ronen - L. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning telecommunications.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 582. Introduced by Senators Ronen - L. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning telecommunications carriers.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 583. Introduced by Senator Hendon, a bill for AN ACT in relation to privacy.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 584. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 585. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 586. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 587. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 588. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 589. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning municipalities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 590. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN

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ACT concerning higher education student assistance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 591. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning higher education scholarships.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 592. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning long-term care insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 593. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT in relation to insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 594. Introduced by Senator Link, a bill for AN ACT concerning consumer reporting agencies.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 595. Introduced by Senator Karpiel, a bill for AN ACT concerning open access for Internet services.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 596. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to child custody.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 597. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning State's attorney fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 598. Introduced by Senator Petka, a bill for AN ACT concerning library districts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 599. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT in relation to firearms.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 600. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 601. Introduced by Senators Peterson - Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 602. Introduced by Senator Halvorson, a bill for

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AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 603. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to economic assistance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 604. Introduced by Senator Petka, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 605. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT concerning provision of telecommunications services.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 606. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT concerning energy efficiency.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 607. Introduced by Senator Syverson, a bill for AN ACT concerning the comprehensive health insurance program.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 608. Introduced by Senator Syverson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 609. Introduced by Senator W. Jones, a bill for AN ACT concerning adult entertainment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 610. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT concerning matters relating to the Secretary of State.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 611. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 612. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 613. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 614. Introduced by Senator Watson, a bill for AN

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ACT concerning emergency telephone systems.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 615. Introduced by Senator Silverstein, a bill for AN ACT concerning family law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 616. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning school district financial oversight panels.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 617. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 618. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT in relation to gambling.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 619. Introduced by Senator Obama, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 620. Introduced by Senators Obama - L. Madigan - Trotter - Ronen - Hendon, Smith, Munoz, a bill for AN ACT concerning children's health insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 621. Introduced by Senator Obama, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 622. Introduced by Senators Obama - Halvorson - Smith, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 623. Introduced by Senator Obama, a bill for AN ACT concerning the Inspector General of the Department of Human Services.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 624. Introduced by Senator Obama, a bill for AN ACT concerning long term care facility residents.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 625. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT in relation to transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 626. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT in relation to transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 627. Introduced by Senator Philip, a bill for AN ACT concerning vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 628. Introduced by Senators Philip - Parker, a bill for AN ACT in relation to alcoholic liquor.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 629. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT concerning animals.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 630. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT concerning children.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 631. Introduced by Senator Dudycz, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 632. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 633. Introduced by Senator Bowles, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 634. Introduced by Senator Munoz, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 635. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT regarding libraries.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 636. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT regarding schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 637. Introduced by Senator Shadid, a bill for AN ACT concerning sanitary districts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 638. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 639. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 640. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 641. Introduced by Senator DeLeo, a bill for AN ACT in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 642. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 643. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal identification information.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 644. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT concerning unclaimed property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 645. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 646. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to pharmacy.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 647. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to aeronautics.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 648. Introduced by Senator Smith, a bill for AN ACT concerning child welfare services.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 649. Introduced by Senator Smith, a bill for AN ACT concerning tobacco.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 650. Introduced by Senator Smith, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance coverage.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 651. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT relating to university presidents and chancellors.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 652. Introduced by Senators Mahar - Parker, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 653. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to animals.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 654. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT concerning firearms.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 655. Introduced by Senator Petka, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 656. Introduced by Senator Halvorson, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 657. Introduced by Senator Halvorson, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 658. Introduced by Senator Munoz, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 659. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Criminal Code of 1961 by adding Section 12-5.05.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 660. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT concerning vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 661. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT in relation to families.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 662. Introduced by Senator Philip, a bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 663. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 664. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning monuments and memorials.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 665. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 666. Introduced by Senator Shadid, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 667. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT regarding education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 668. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT relating to schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 669. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 670. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 671. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT concerning appropriations for teacher pensions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 672. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 673. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 674. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 675. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 676. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 677. Introduced by Senator Hawkinson, a bill for AN ACT concerning county officers.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 678. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 679. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT concerning real property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 680. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT concerning counties.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 681. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT concerning counties.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 682. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 683. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT concerning public utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 684. Introduced by Senator Halvorson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to counties.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 685. Introduced by Senators Halvorson - Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning municipalities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 686. Introduced by Senator Halvorson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 687. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to circuit clerks.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 688. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to civil procedure.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 689. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning residential mortgage licensees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 690. Introduced by Senators Syverson - Obama, a bill for AN ACT in relation to disabled persons.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 691. Introduced by Senators Syverson - Obama, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 692. Introduced by Senators Syverson - Obama, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 693. Introduced by Senators Syverson - Obama, a bill for AN ACT in relation to aging.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 694. Introduced by Senator Mahar, a bill for AN ACT in relation to utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 695. Introduced by Senator Mahar, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 696. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT concerning the environment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 697. Introduced by Senators Geo-Karis - Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning county taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 698. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT in relation to children.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 699. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning highways.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 700. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to real property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 701. Introduced by Senator Silverstein, a bill for AN ACT in relation to real property.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 702. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 703. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 704. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 705. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT concerning boxing and wrestling.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 706. Introduced by Senator Ronen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 707. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 708. Introduced by Senator DeLeo, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 709. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 710. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 711. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT in relation to local debt.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 712. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT in relation to townships.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 713. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 714. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 715. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT concerning counties.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 716. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT in relation to group insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 717. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT concerning workers' compensation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 718. Introduced by Senator Dudycz, a bill for An Act concerning firefighters.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 719. Introduced by Senator Dudycz, a bill for AN ACT concerning space needs.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 720. Introduced by Senator Dudycz, a bill for AN ACT in relation to broadcasting.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 721. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT concerning civil procedure.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 722. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT respecting schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 723. Introduced by Senators Cronin - Lightford, a bill for AN ACT concerning redevelopment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 724. Introduced by Senators Shaw - O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT concerning public utilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 725. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT concerning business organizations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 726. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for AN ACT in relation to conservation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 727. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 728. Introduced by Senator Dudycz, a bill for AN ACT in relation to gambling.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 729. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 730. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 731. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 732. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT in relation to income taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 733. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for AN ACT in relation to liens.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 734. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT to amend certain Acts in relation to wildlife.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 735. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT concerning construction contracts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 736. Introduced by Senators R. Madigan - Maitland, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 737. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 738. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 739. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 740. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT concerning higher education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 741. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT concerning vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 742. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 743. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT relating to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 744. Introduced by Senator Clayborne, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 745. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act by adding Section 211.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 746. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT concerning the deposit of State moneys.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 747. Introduced by Senator Cronin, a bill for AN ACT concerning adoption.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 748. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT concerning human rights.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 749. Introduced by Senators Noland - E. Jones, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of professions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 750. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public health.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 751. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 752. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT concerning dental hygienists.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 753. Introduced by Senator Philip, a bill for AN ACT concerning clerks of courts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 754. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT in relation to building codes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 755. Introduced by Senator Parker, a bill for AN ACT concerning recreational areas.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 756. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT respecting schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 757. Introduced by Senator Dudycz, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 758. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT regarding appropriations.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 759. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT in relation to education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 760. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT in relation to stormwater management.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 761. Introduced by Senators O'Malley - Viverito - Shaw - Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 762. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 763. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 764. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 765. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 766. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 767. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 768. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 769. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 770. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 771. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT concerning the immunization of children.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 772. Introduced by Senator Trotter, a bill for AN ACT in relation to fees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 773. Introduced by Senator L. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning underground utilities facilities damage prevention.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 774. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 775. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 776. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 777. Introduced by Senator Jacobs, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance claims practices.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 778. Introduced by Senator Weaver, a bill for AN ACT in relation to gambling.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 779. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 780. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT regarding vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 781. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 782. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT concerning schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 783. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 784. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT with regard to education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 785. Introduced by Senators O'Malley - Petka, a bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 786. Introduced by Senator Bowles, a bill for AN ACT concerning cemeteries and burial.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 787. Introduced by Senator Donahue, a bill for AN ACT concerning disaster volunteers.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 788. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerning employment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 789. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning agency performance review.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 790. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to coal.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 791. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 792. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 793. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to health in the workplace.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 794. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT in relation to health in the workplace.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 795. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning unemployment insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 796. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning unemployment insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 797. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT concerning consumer fraud and deceptive business practices.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 798. Introduced by Senator Lauzen, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code by adding Section 12-821.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 799. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT concerning State land.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 800. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for AN ACT concerning highways.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 801. Introduced by Senator Obama, a bill for AN ACT concerning elections.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 802. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 803. Introduced by Senator Molaro, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 804. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT in relation to wages.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 805. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to business transactions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 806. Introduced by Senator L. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 807. Introduced by Senator L. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning education.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 808. Introduced by Senator L. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 809. Introduced by Senator L. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 810. Introduced by Senator L. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning schools.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 811. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for An Act concerning abandoned children.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 812. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 813. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT in relation to legislative information.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 814. Introduced by Senators Watson - Demuzio, a bill for AN ACT making appropriations to the State Board of Elections.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 815. Introduced by Senator del Valle, a bill for AN ACT concerning senior citizens.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 816. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to older persons and persons with disabilities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 817. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 818. Introduced by Senator Hendon, a bill for AN ACT in relation to alcoholic liquor.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 819. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 820. Introduced by Senator Lightford, a bill for AN ACT creating the Short-term Loan Act.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 821. Introduced by Senator Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 822. Introduced by Senator Woolard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to conditions of employment.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 823. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT in relation to driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 824. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT in relation to the Illinois Coordinate System.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 825. Introduced by Senator Watson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 826. Introduced by Senator Klemm, a bill for AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 827. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 828. Introduced by Senator Syverson, a bill for AN ACT concerning highways.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 829. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Unified Code of Corrections by changing Section 5-9-1.4.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 830. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning State Police.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 831. Introduced by Senator Donahue, a bill for AN ACT concerning the Department of Agriculture.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 832. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT concerning the Department of Agriculture.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 833. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT concerning professional service contracts.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 834. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning State funds.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 835. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning state finance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 836. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT to amend the State Finance Act by changing Section 6p-2.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 837. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Sick Leave Bank Act by changing Section 10.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 838. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to child care.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 839. Introduced by Senator Luechtefeld, a bill for AN ACT in relation to children.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 840. Introduced by Senator Geo-Karis, a bill for AN ACT concerning minors.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 841. Introduced by Senators Dillard - Cullerton, a bill for AN ACT concerning adoptions.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 842. Introduced by Senator Syverson, a bill for AN ACT concerning children and family services.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 843. Introduced by Senator Karpel, a bill for AN ACT concerning child welfare services.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 844. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to guardianship.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 845. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning technology.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 846. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT concerning strategic planning.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 847. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT in relation to the administration and funding of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 848. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT concerning telecommunications.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 849. Introduced by Senator R. Madigan, a bill for AN ACT concerning the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 850. Introduced by Senators Donahue - Dillard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to State employees.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 851. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 852. Introduced by Senator Donahue, a bill for AN ACT concerning groundwater protection.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 853. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 854. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxes.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 855. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 856. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 857. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT to repeal the Non-Resident Contractor Bond Act.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 858. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act by changing Section 500.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 859. Introduced by Senator Luechtefeld, a bill for AN ACT in relation to emergency management assistance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 860. Introduced by Senator Myers, a bill for AN ACT concerning the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 861. Introduced by Senator Sullivan, a bill for AN ACT in relation to environmental matters.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 862. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT concerning the regulation of certain financial activities.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 863. Introduced by Senator Syverson, a bill for AN ACT to amend the State Finance Act by changing Section 25.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 864. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning reinsurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 865. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 866. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance coverage relating to mastectomies and mammograms.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 867. Introduced by Senator Peterson, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 868. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT in relation to workers' compensation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 869. Introduced by Senator Radogno, a bill for AN ACT to amend the Illinois Insurance Code by changing Section 424.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 870. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurer security deposits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 871. Introduced by Senator Watson, a bill for AN ACT in relation to bodies of water.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 872. Introduced by Senator Dudycz, a bill for AN ACT concerning higher education student assistance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 873. Introduced by Senator Rauschenberger, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 874. Introduced by Senator Sieben, a bill for AN ACT concerning hunting.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 875. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT concerning Assistant Adjutants General.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 876. Introduced by Senator Noland, a bill for AN ACT concerned military funeral honors.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 877. Introduced by Senator Burzynski, a bill for AN ACT concerning military expenditures.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 878. Introduced by Senator Roskam, a bill for AN ACT concerning military service.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 879. Introduced by Senator O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT concerning insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 880. Introduced by Senator Dillard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to community water supplies.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 881. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning natural resources.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 882. Introduced by Senator Mahar, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 883. Introduced by Senator Geo-Karis, a bill for AN ACT concerning the executive branch.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 884. Introduced by Senator Mahar, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 885. Introduced by Senator Syverson, a bill for AN ACT concerning the children's health insurance program.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 886. Introduced by Senator Donahue, a bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 887. Introduced by Senators Geo-Karis - O'Malley, a bill for AN ACT concerning title insurance.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 888. Introduced by Senator T. Walsh, a bill for AN ACT concerning certain financial services.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 889. Introduced by Senators Donahue - Syverson, a bill for AN ACT concerning public aid.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

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SENATE BILL NO. 890. Introduced by Senator Woolard, a bill for AN ACT in relation to alternate fuels

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 891. Introduced by Senator Woolard, a bill for AN ACT with respect to taxation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Offered by Senator O'Malley and all Senators:
Mourns the death of William J. Mulcahy of Beverly.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 37

Offered by Senator Silverstein and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Beverly Halpern of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 42

Offered by Senator Demuzio - E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dr. Robert H. Rutherford of Carlinville.

The foregoing resolutions were referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Senator Parker offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

WHEREAS, Exotic and invasive aquatic species have done irreparable damage to the Great Lakes and the land and water resources of the country; and

WHEREAS, The discharge of ballast water and sediments from commercial shipping vessels is a primary pathway for introducing new aquatic nuisance species and spreading established aquatic nuisance species; and

WHEREAS, Eight out of ten new aquatic nuisance species come into the country via ballast water; and

WHEREAS, Exotic and invasive aquatic species control and prevention requires significant coordination at state, federal, and international levels; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to control the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species, Illinois should explore solutions to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species into Lake Michigan waters; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency shall jointly study preventing the introduction and minimizing the spread of aquatic nuisance species within Illinois waters; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study shall (i) analyze how to best abate harmful ecological, economic, social, and public health impacts from aquatic nuisance species infestations within Illinois waters, (ii) make recommendations regarding how to best implement an aquatic nuisance species prevention program in Illinois and provide for interstate collaboration, taking into consideration all available scientific information, technologies, and practices, and economic

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impacts of such measures, and analyze the possible costs and sources of funding to implement their recommendations, and (iii) analyze possible costs and sources of funding for carrying out the federally approved Department of Natural Resources Comprehensive Management Plan for Aquatic Nuisance Species in Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency fully participate in interstate and federal studies currently underway to address the control and prevention of the spread of exotic and invasive aquatic species; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency report (i) the findings and recommendations of the study and (ii) progress made with the interstate and federal studies to the Senate of the State of Illinois on or before January 15, 2002; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Director of Natural Resources and the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Senators Welch - Halvorson offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois Steel Development Board is established as an advisory board to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs; the Board shall be composed of the following voting members: the Director of Commerce and Community Affairs, who shall be Chairman of the Board, the Deputy Director of the Bureau of Business Development within the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 4 members of the General Assembly (one each appointed by the President of the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the House, and the House Minority Leader), and 8 persons appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate; members appointed by the Governor must include representatives of Illinois industries that are involved in the production, use, or transportation of American and Canadian steel, representatives of financial or banking interests in the State, and persons experienced in international business and economic development; members appointed by the Governor shall be chosen from persons of recognized ability and experience in their designated field; the members appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of 4 years; the initial terms of the original appointees shall expire on July 1, 2005; a member appointed by a legislative leader shall serve for the duration of the General Assembly for which he or she is appointed, so long as the member remains a member of that General Assembly; the Board shall meet at least annually or at the call of the Chairman; at any time the majority of the Board may petition the Chairman for a meeting of the Board; 9 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum; members of the Board shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing their duties as members of the Board from funds appropriated to the Department for that purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board shall provide advice and make recommendations to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs on the following:

- (1) the development of an annual agenda that may include, but is not limited to, research, marketing, and promotional methodologies conducted for the purpose of increasing the use of American and Canadian steel produced, used, or transported by

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Illinois companies with emphasis on the following areas: maintaining and increasing employment of Illinois workers in the steel industry; steel preparation and characterization; marketing; public awareness and education; transportation; and environmental impacts;

(2) the support and coordination of American and Canadian steel research, marketing, and promotion; the approval of projects consistent with the annual agenda and budget for steel research, marketing, and promotion; and the approval of the annual budget and operating plan for administration of the Board;

(3) the promotion and coordination of available research, marketing, and promotional information on the production, preparation, distribution, and uses of American and Canadian steel; the Board shall advise the existing research institutions within the State on areas where research may be necessary;

(4) the cooperation to the fullest extent possible with State and federal agencies and departments, independent organizations, and other interested groups, public and private, for the purposes of promoting American and Canadian steel resources;

(5) the submission of an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly outlining the progress and accomplishments made during the calendar year and furnishing other relevant information;

(6) focusing on existing steel research, marketing, and promotion efforts in carrying out its mission, ways to make use of existing facilities in Illinois or other institutions carrying out research, marketing, and promotion on American and Canadian steel and, as far as practical, to make maximum use of the facilities available in Illinois, including universities and colleges located within the State of Illinois, and the creation of a consortium or center that conducts, coordinates, and supports steel research, promotion, and marketing activities in the State of Illinois; programmatic activities of the consortium or center shall be subject to approval by the Department and shall be consistent with the purposes of this Resolution; the Department may authorize the expenditure of funds in support of the administrative and programmatic operations of the center or consortium that is consistent with its authority; administrative actions undertaken by or for the center or consortium shall be subject to the approval of the Department;

(7) reasonable ways, before initiating any research, to avoid duplication of effort and expense through the coordination of the research efforts of various agencies, departments, universities or organizations;

(8) the adoption, amendment, and repeal of rules, regulations, and bylaws governing the Board's organization and conduct of business;

(9) the search for, the acceptance, and the expenditure of gifts or grants in any form, from any public agency or from any other source; the gifts and grants may be held in trust by the Department and expended at the direction of the Department and in the exercise of the Department's powers and performance of the Department's duties; and

(10) the publication, from time to time, of the results of American and Canadian steel research, marketing, and promotion projects funded through the Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board shall also provide advice and make recommendations to the Department on the following:

(1) the creation and maintenance of current and accurate

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records on all markets for and actual uses of steel processed, utilized, or transported in Illinois and ways of making those records available to the public upon request;

(2) the identification of all current and anticipated future technical, economic, institutional, market, environmental, regulatory, and other impediments to the use of American and Canadian steel and the Illinois steel industry;

(3) the identification of alternative plans or actions that would maintain or increase the use of American and Canadian steel and the Illinois steel industry; and

(4) the development of strategies and proposing policies to promote responsible uses of American and Canadian steel processed, used, or transported by the Illinois steel industry; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Director of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

Senator Karpel offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40

WHEREAS, Public attention has recently been directed at what role, if any, Illinois State government should play in cleaning up abandoned cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, The matter of abandoned cemeteries has been longstanding in Illinois, there being a variety of reasons why cemeteries have come to be abandoned, such as: (a) a township or other public cemetery may have become abandoned over time because the involved unit of local government may have lacked the financial resources to maintain the cemetery; (b) a religious cemetery may have become abandoned where the congregation has long ago ceased to exist; (c) or a private or family cemetery may have become abandoned where the family has long since moved away, or for other reasons; and

WHEREAS, Illinois State government has not previously undertaken direct responsibility for the clean up of abandoned cemeteries, with such effort having historically been undertaken in significant part by local civic, charitable and government entities, such as the commendable work of Illinois veterans organizations; and

WHEREAS, Whether Illinois State government should accept the responsibility for the clean up of abandoned cemeteries is a question of public policy that is worthy of consideration and study; and

WHEREAS, The further question of how to finance and administer such an Illinois State government program, if one were to be established, is similarly worthy of consideration and study; and

WHEREAS, Any means of financing such a new program, if one is created, should not unreasonably discriminate against any industry or segment of an industry; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a committee of the Senate study the question of whether abandoned cemeteries should be the responsibility of Illinois State government; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, if the committee determines that abandoned cemeteries should be an Illinois State government responsibility, the committee further study how such a new program might be financed and administered; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the committee study additional related questions as it deems appropriate, and that it involve in its deliberations

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representatives of those organizations whose membership provides cemetery and funeral services, together with appropriate interest group representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any findings and recommendations from such study be reported to the Senate no later than December 1, 2001.

Senators Klemm - Philip - Dillard - Dudycz - Petka offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 41

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article 1, Section 15 states that "Private property shall not be taken or damaged for public use without just compensation as provided by law. Such compensation shall be determined by a jury as provided by law"; and

WHEREAS, Quick-take powers were originally intended for the acquisition of property to be used for public purposes, not private purposes; therefore be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that before a unit of local government may request Senate approval of legislation authorizing the unit of local government to acquire property by eminent domain using "quick-take" powers under Section 7-103 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the unit of local government must comply with all of the following procedures:

(1) The unit of local government must notify each owner of an interest in the property, by certified mail, of the unit of local government's intention to request approval of legislation by the General Assembly authorizing the unit of local government to acquire the property by eminent domain using "quick-take" powers under Section 7-103 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(2) The unit of local government must cause notice of its intention to request authorization to acquire the property by eminent domain using "quick-take" powers to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the territory sought to be acquired by the unit of local government.

(3) Following the notices required under paragraphs (1) and (2), the unit of local government must hold at least one public hearing, at the place where the unit of local government normally holds its business meetings, on the question of the unit of local government's acquisition of the property by eminent domain using "quick-take" powers.

(4) Following the public hearing or hearings held under paragraph (3), the unit of local government must adopt, by recorded vote, a resolution to request approval of legislation by the General Assembly authorizing the unit of local government to acquire the property by eminent domain using "quick-take" powers under Section 7-103 of the Code of Civil Procedure. The resolution must include a statement of the time period within which the unit of local government requests authority to exercise "quick-take" powers, which may not exceed one year.

(5) Following the public hearing or hearings held under paragraph (3), and not less than 30 days following the notice to the property owner or owners required under paragraph (1), the chief elected official of the unit of local government must submit to the Chairman of the Senate Executive Committee a sworn, notarized affidavit that states all of the following:

- (A) The legal description of the property.
- (B) The street address of the property.
- (C) The name of each State Senator and State

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Representative who represents the territory under the unit of local government's jurisdiction.

(D) The date or dates on which the unit of local government contacted each such State Senator and State Representative concerning the unit of local government's intention to request approval of legislation by the General Assembly authorizing the unit of local government to acquire the property by eminent domain using "quick-take" powers.

(E) The current name, address, and telephone number of each owner of an interest in the property.

(F) A summary of all negotiations between the unit of local government and the owner or owners of the property concerning the sale of the property to the unit of local government.

(G) A statement of the date and location of each public hearing held under paragraph (3).

(H) A statement of the public purpose for which the unit of local government seeks to acquire the property.

The affidavit must also contain the chief elected official's certification that (i) the property is located within the territory under the unit of local government's jurisdiction and (ii) the unit of local government seeks to acquire the property for a public purpose.

(6) Together with the affidavit submitted under paragraph (5), the chief elected official of the unit of local government must submit the following items to the Chairman of the Senate Executive Committee:

(A) A map of the area in which the property to be acquired is located, showing the location of the property.

(B) Photographs of the property.

(C) An appraisal of the property by a real estate appraiser who is certified or licensed under the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing Act.

(D) A copy of the resolution adopted by the unit of local government under paragraph (4).

(E) Documentation of the public purpose for which the unit of local government seeks to acquire the property.

(F) A copy of each notice sent to an owner of an interest in the property under paragraph (1); and be it further

RESOLVED, That every affidavit submitted by a unit of local government pursuant to this Resolution, together with all documents and other items submitted with the affidavit, must be made available to any person upon request for inspection and copying.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A message from the House by

Mr. Rossi, Clerk:

Mr. President -- I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

HOUSE BILL NO. 31

A bill for AN ACT in relation to public aid.

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

A bill for AN ACT concerning Pet Friendly license plates.

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

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A bill for AN ACT to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act by changing Section 220.

HOUSE BILL NO. 171

A bill for AN ACT concerning methyl tertiary butyl ether.

Passed the House, February 21, 2001.

ANTHONY D. ROSSI, Clerk of the House

The foregoing House Bills numbered 31, 61, 169 and 171 were taken up, ordered printed and placed on first reading.

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A FIRST TIME

House Bill No. 21, sponsored by Senator Radogno was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 43, sponsored by Senator Sieben was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 250, sponsored by Senators R. Madigan - Luechtefeld - Hawkinson - Donahue - Myers, Sieben and Bomke was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 266, sponsored by Senator Radogno was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

House Bill No. 314, sponsored by Senators Sieben - Burzynski was taken up, read by title a first time and referred to the Committee on Rules.

At the hour of 2:49 o'clock p.m., on motion of Senator Smith, the Senate stood adjourned until Thursday, February 22, 2001 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

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